

route to the vicinity of Wonder Lake and spur the appropriate development of visitor facilities in the Wonder Lake area; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the Governor and the state's executive branch agencies to be aggressive in their resolve to support the consensus of Alaska opinion in supporting the creation of a new northern railroad access into Denali National Park and Preserve, as represented by resolutions of endorsement from the city councils of North Pole, Fairbanks, Nenana, and Seward, the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage, and the Assemblies of the Denali, Fairbanks North Star, and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs, to enhance the Mt. McKinley experience for visitors and the creation of a rail connection between the Wonder Lake area and the Alaska Railroad; and be it further

Resolved, That appropriate state agencies should work with the National Park and interested government officials and representatives of the private sector to investigate the potential of establishing a new northern railroad route into the Wonder Lake area of Denali National Park and Preserve, for the appropriate development of facilities in this area that would serve the needs of park visitors.

POM-276. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 75

Whereas, the municipalities of the state of Louisiana provide essential services to their citizens; and

Whereas, municipalities rely on their pool of citizens to find suitable employees to perform these essential functions; and

Whereas, a commercial driver's license is required even though the employees of small municipalities operate municipal vehicles solely on city streets while performing the functions of the municipality; and

Whereas, it is too onerous a demand to require employees of small municipalities who drive solely on city streets, as opposed to state and federal highways, to maintain a commercial driver's license; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to exempt from the commercial driver's license requirement employees of municipalities with a population of five thousand or less who operate municipal vehicles solely on city streets; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-277. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 80

Whereas, the historic gulfward boundary of the state of Louisiana extends a distance into the Gulf of Mexico three marine leagues from the coast; and

Whereas, three leagues is approximately 10.35 miles; and

Whereas, after much litigation, Texas holds title to a three-league gulfward boundary; and

Whereas, as a result of holding title to such three-league gulfward boundary, the Texas public school fund has received literally billions of dollars from leases, rentals, and royalties on such property, and numer-

ous oil and gas wells have been discovered on such property; and

Whereas, Mississippi has also sought a similar gulfward boundary; and

Whereas, the gulfward boundary of the state of Louisiana should be at least equal to that of Texas and Mississippi, therefore, be it

Resolved That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to extend the coastal boundary in Louisiana to be at least equal to that of Texas and Mississippi, be it further

Resolved That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-278. A resolution adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States relative to a cost-of-living salary adjustment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the Order of the Senate of October 9, 1997, the following reports of committees were submitted on October 15, 1997:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1186. A bill to provide for education and training, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

S. 1046. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 439. A bill to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, to provide an exemption for a portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 846. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii (Rept. No. 112).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1092. A bill to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations: International Telecommunications Union Constitution and Convention (Exec. Rept. 105-3)

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise

and consent to the ratification of the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), with Annexes, signed at Geneva on December 22, 1992, and Amendments to the Constitution and Convention, signed at Kyoto on October 14, 1994, together with Declarations and Reservations by the United States contained in the Final Acts (Treaty Doc. 104-34), subject to declarations and reservations Nos. 68, 73 and 82 of the 1992 Final Acts; declarations and reservations Nos. 84, 92, 97, and 98 of the 1994 Final Acts; and the understandings of subsection (a), the declarations of subsection (b), and the proviso of subsection (c).

(a) UNDERSTANDINGS.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following two understandings, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification, and shall be binding on the President:

(1) BROADCASTS TO CUBA.—The United States of America, noting the Statement (No. 40) entered by the delegation of Cuba during the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, in Kyoto Japan, affirms its rights to broadcast to Cuba on appropriate frequencies free of jamming or other wrongful interference and reserves its rights to address existing interference and any future interference, by Cuba with United States broadcasting. Furthermore, the United States of America notes that its presence in Guantanamo is by virtue of an international agreement presently in force; the United States of America reserves the right to meet its radio communication requirements there as heretofore.

(2) GEOSTATIONARY-SATELLITE ORBITS.—The United States understands that the reference in Article 44 of the Constitution to the "geographical situation of particular countries" does not imply a recognition of claim to any preferential rights to the geostationary-satellite orbit.

(b) DECLARATIONS.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following two declarations, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) ASSESSED PAYMENTS TO THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.—Payments by the United States to the International Telecommunication Union shall be limited to assessed contributions, appropriated by Congress. This provision does not apply to United States payments voluntarily made for a specific purpose other than the payment of assessed contributions. The United States shall seek to amend Article 33(3) of the ITU Convention to eliminate the ITU's authority to impose interest payments on ITU members.

(2) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(c) PROVISIO.—The Senate's resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—Nothing in the Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first